

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-14, 16, 18-21, and 23-25 have been amended.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The Examiner and the undersigned attorney had a telephone conversation on January 25, 2005, during which they discussed the Information Disclosure Statements filed on February 12, 2001, July 28, 2003, and October 18, 2004. The Examiner stated that the Information Disclosure Statements were missing from the file. In order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have enclosed duplicate copies of these Information Disclosure Statements and stamped postcards from the first and third Statements showing that they were received by the USPTO on February 12, 2001 and October 18, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate consideration of the documents submitted with these Information Disclosure Statements by initialing the PTO-1449 forms submitted therewith and attaching same to the next communication to Applicants. In particular, Applicants request that the Examiner indicate consideration of document A in the first Statement, since the Examiner did not consider this document after the first submission.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Moore. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor, and the undersigned attorney held a telephone interview on January 31, 2005, during which they discussed claim 1. The Examiner's supervisor stated that if claim 1 were amended to describe a "virtual process" as "comprising a plurality of

processes," the claim would be patentable over Moore. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, 18, and 23-25 in this manner.<sup>1</sup>

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now allowable over the cited art of record and request that the Examiner allow this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,  
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<sup>1</sup> Although paragraph 12 states that claim 25 is dependent, Applicants respectfully note that claim 25 is in fact independent.